

1 1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
2 at least one processor;
3 a memory coupled to the at least one processor;
4 a paste buffer residing in the memory, the paste buffer including first and second
5 fields; and
6 a cut/copy mechanism residing in the memory that writes information selected by
7 a user into the first field of the paste buffer, and that automatically collects and writes
8 information relating to a source of the user-selected information in the second field of the
9 paste buffer without further input from the user when the user-selected information is
10 written to the first field.

1 2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the information that the cut/copy
2 mechanism writes to the second field is determined by at least one specified cut/copy
3 preference.

1 3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a paste mechanism that inserts
2 the information in the first field of the paste buffer into a document, and that processes
3 the information in the second field of the paste buffer to determine whether or not to
4 automatically create a citation according to at least one specified paste preference, and if
5 so, automatically creating a citation in the document that includes information from the
6 second field.

1 4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the citation comprises a parenthetical
2 citation that is inserted in the document after the information in the first field that is
3 inserted into the document.

1 5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the citation comprises a footnote citation
2 comprising a footnote reference number and footnote text, wherein the footnote reference
3 number is inserted in the document after the information in the first field that is inserted
4 into the document, and wherein the footnote text is placed in a different location in the
5 document.

1 6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the cut/copy mechanism and the paste
2 mechanism are different portions of the same copy/paste mechanism.

1 7. (Original) An apparatus comprising:

2 at least one processor;

3 a memory coupled to the at least one processor;

4 a paste buffer residing in the memory, the paste buffer including first and second

5 fields; and

6 a paste mechanism residing in the memory that inserts information in the first

7 field of the paste buffer into a document, and that processes information in the second

8 field of the paste buffer to determine whether or not to automatically create a citation

9 according to at least one specified paste preference, and if so, automatically creating a

10 citation in the document that includes information from the second field. .

1 8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7 wherein the citation comprises a parenthetical

2 citation that is inserted in the document after the information in the first field that is

3 inserted into the document.

1 9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7 wherein the citation comprises a footnote citation

2 comprising a footnote reference number and footnote text, wherein the footnote reference

3 number is inserted in the document after the information in the first field that is inserted

4 into the document, and wherein the footnote text is placed in a different location in the

5 document.

1 10. (Canceled)

1 11. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

2 a memory;

3 a paste buffer residing in the memory, the paste buffer including first and second
4 fields;

5 means residing in the memory for copying information selected by a user into the
6 first field in the paste buffer; and

7 means for automatically collecting and writing information relating to a source of
8 the user-selected information into the second field of the paste buffer without further
9 input from the user when the user-selected information is copied into the first field of the
10 paste buffer.

1 12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11 further comprising:

2 means for inserting the information in the first field of the paste buffer into a
3 document;

4 means for processing the information in the second field of the paste buffer to
5 determine whether or not to automatically create a citation according to at least one
6 specified paste preference, and if so, automatically creating a citation in the document
7 that includes information from the second field.

1 13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the citation comprises a parenthetical
2 citation that is inserted in the document after the information in the first field that is
3 inserted into the document.

1 14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the citation comprises a footnote
2 citation comprising a footnote reference number and footnote text, wherein the footnote
3 reference number is inserted in the document after the information in the first field that is
4 inserted into the document, and wherein the footnote text is placed in a different location
5 in the document.

1 15. (Original) An apparatus comprising:
2 a memory;
3 a paste buffer residing in the memory, the paste buffer including first and second
4 fields;
5 means for inserting the information in the first field of the paste buffer into a
6 document;
7 means for processing the information in the second field of the paste buffer to
8 determine whether or not to automatically create a citation according to at least one
9 specified paste preference, and if so, automatically creating a citation in the document
10 that includes information from the second field.

1 16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15 wherein the citation comprises a parenthetical
2 citation that is inserted in the document after the information in the first field that is
3 inserted into the document.

1 17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15 wherein the citation comprises a footnote
2 citation comprising a footnote reference number and footnote text, wherein the footnote
3 reference number is inserted in the document after the information in the first field that is
4 inserted into the document, and wherein the footnote text is placed in a different location
5 in the document.

1 18. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for placing information into
2 a paste buffer, the method comprising the steps of:

3 copying information selected by a user into a first field in the paste buffer; and
4 automatically collecting and writing information relating to a source of the user-
5 selected information into a second field in the paste buffer without further input from the
6 user when the user-selected information is copied into the first field of the paste buffer.

1 19. (Original) The method of claim 18 wherein the information written to the second
2 field in the paste buffer is determined by at least one specified cut/copy preference.

1 20. (Original) The method of claim 18 further comprising the steps of:
2 inserting the information in the first field of the paste buffer into a document;
3 processing the information in the second field of the paste buffer to determine
4 whether or not to automatically create a citation according to at least one specified paste
5 preference, and if so, automatically creating a citation in the document that includes
6 information from the second field.

1 21. (Original) The method of claim 18 wherein the citation comprises a parenthetical
2 citation that is inserted in the document after the information in the first field that is
3 inserted into the document.

1 22. (Original) The method of claim 18 wherein the citation comprises a footnote citation
2 comprising a footnote reference number and footnote text, wherein the footnote reference
3 number is inserted in the document after the information in the first field that is inserted
4 into the document, and wherein the footnote text is placed in a different location in the
5 document.

1 23. (Original) A computer-implemented method for using information stored in first and
2 second fields in a paste buffer, the method comprising the steps of:
3 inserting the information in the first field of the paste buffer into a document;
4 processing the information in the second field of the paste buffer to determine
5 whether or not to automatically create a citation according to at least one specified paste
6 preference, and if so, automatically creating a citation in the document that includes
7 information from the second field.

1 24. (Original) The method of claim 23 wherein the citation comprises a parenthetical
2 citation that is inserted in the document after the information in the first field that is
3 inserted into the document.

1 25. (Original) The method of claim 23 wherein the citation comprises a footnote citation
2 comprising a footnote reference number and footnote text, wherein the footnote reference
3 number is inserted in the document after the information in the first field that is inserted
4 into the document, and wherein the footnote text is placed in a different location in the
5 document.

1 26. (Original) The method of claim 23 wherein the information stored in the second field
2 of the paste buffer relates to a source for the information in the first field.

1 27. (Currently Amended) A program product comprising:
2 a paste buffer that includes first and second fields;
3 a cut/copy mechanism that writes information selected by a user into the first field
4 of the paste buffer, and that automatically collects and writes information relating to a
5 source of the user-selected information in the second field of the paste buffer without
6 further input from the user when the user-selected information is written to the first field;
7 and

8 computer readable signal bearing media bearing the paste buffer and the cut/copy
9 mechanism.

1 28. (Original) The program product of claim 27 wherein the signal bearing media
2 comprises recordable media.

1 29. (Original) The program product of claim 27 wherein the signal bearing media
2 comprises transmission media.

1 30. (Original) The program product of claim 27 wherein the information that the
2 cut/copy mechanism writes to the second field is determined by at least one specified
3 cut/copy preference.

1 31. (Original) The program product of claim 27 further comprising a paste mechanism on
2 the signal bearing media that inserts the information in the first field of the paste buffer
3 into a document, and that processes the information in the second field of the paste buffer
4 to determine whether or not to automatically create a citation according to at least one
5 specified paste preference, and if so, automatically creating a citation in the document
6 that includes information from the second field.

1 32. (Original) The program product of claim 31 wherein the citation comprises a
2 parenthetical citation that is inserted in the document after the information in the first
3 field that is inserted into the document.

1 33. (Original) The program product of claim 31 wherein the citation comprises a footnote
2 citation comprising a footnote reference number and footnote text, wherein the footnote
3 reference number is inserted in the document after the information in the first field that is
4 inserted into the document, and wherein the footnote text is placed in a different location
5 in the document.

1 34. (Original) The program product of claim 31 wherein the cut/copy mechanism and the
2 paste mechanism are different portions of the same copy/paste mechanism.

1 35. (Canceled)

1 36. (Canceled)

1 37. (Canceled)

1 38. (Currently Amended) A program product comprising:
2 a cut/copy mechanism that writes information selected by a user into a first field
3 in a paste buffer, and that automatically collects and writes information relating to a
4 source of the user-selected information in a second field in the paste buffer without
5 further input from the user when the user-selected information is written to the first field;
6 and
7 computer readable signal bearing media bearing the cut/copy mechanism.

1 39. (Original) The program product of claim 38 wherein the signal bearing media
2 comprises recordable media.

1 40. (Original) The program product of claim 38 wherein the signal bearing media
2 comprises transmission media.

1 41. (Currently Amended) A program product comprising:
2 a paste mechanism that inserts information in a first field of a paste buffer into a
3 document, and that processes information in a second field of the paste buffer to
4 determine whether or not to automatically create a citation according to at least one
5 specified paste preference, and if so, automatically creating a citation in the document
6 that includes information from the second field; and
7 computer readable signal bearing media bearing the paste mechanism.

1 42. (Original) The program product of claim 41 wherein the signal bearing media
2 comprises recordable media.

1 43. (Original) The program product of claim 41 wherein the signal bearing media
2 comprises transmission media.

1 44. (Original) The program product of claim 41 wherein the citation comprises a
2 parenthetical citation that is inserted in the document after the information in the first
3 field that is inserted into the document.

1 45. (Original) The program product of claim 41 wherein the citation comprises a footnote
2 citation comprising a footnote reference number and footnote text, wherein the footnote
3 reference number is inserted in the document after the information in the first field that is
4 inserted into the document, and wherein the footnote text is placed in a different location
5 in the document.

1 46. (New) An apparatus comprising:
2 at least one processor;
3 a memory coupled to the at least one processor;
4 a paste buffer residing in the memory, the paste buffer including first and second
5 fields; and
6 a paste mechanism that inserts the information in the first field of the paste buffer
7 into a document; and
8 an automatic footnote generator that processes the information in the second field
9 of the paste buffer and automatically creates therefrom a footnote in the document that
10 includes information from the second field, wherein the footnote comprises a footnote
11 reference number and corresponding footnote text, wherein the footnote reference number
12 is inserted in the document after the information in the first field that is inserted into the
13 document, and wherein the corresponding footnote text is placed in a different location in
14 the document.

1 47. (New) A computer-implemented method for using information stored in first and
2 second fields in a paste buffer, the method comprising the steps of:
3 inserting the information in the first field of the paste buffer into a document; and
4 automatically creating from the information in the second field of the paste buffer
5 a footnote in the document, wherein the footnote comprises a footnote reference number
6 and corresponding footnote text, wherein the footnote reference number is inserted in the
7 document after the information in the first field that is inserted into the document, and
8 wherein the corresponding footnote text is placed in a different location in the document.

1 48. (New) A program product comprising:
2 a paste mechanism that inserts information in a first field of a paste buffer into a
3 document;
4 an automatic footnote generator that processes information in a second field of the
5 paste buffer and automatically creates therefrom a footnote in the document that includes
6 information from the second field, wherein the footnote comprises a footnote reference
7 number and corresponding footnote text, wherein the footnote reference number is
8 inserted in the document after the information in the first field that is inserted into the
9 document, and wherein the corresponding footnote text is placed in a different location in
10 the document; and
11 computer readable signal bearing media bearing the paste mechanism and the
12 automatic footnote generator.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-45 were originally filed in this patent application. In the pending office action, claims 10 and 35-37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1-4, 6-8, 10-13, 15-16, 18-21, 23-24, 26-32, and 34-44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,345,284 to Dinkelacker. Claims 5, 9, 14, 17, 22, 25, 33 and 45 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dinkelacker in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,199,071 to Nielsen. No claim was allowed. In this amendment, claims 10 and 35-37 have been canceled, claims 1, 11, 18, 27, 38 and 41 have been amended, and new claims 46-48 have been added. Claims 1-9, 11-34, and 38-48 are currently pending.